REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and remarks which follow are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 27, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 27-31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the Yagi et al. reference. Importantly, the Examiner indicated that Claims 32-41 were allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent Claim 37 only to delete the variation of the lead lock comprising "at least one partially etched portion at the lower surface." Since it appears from the subject Office Action that the Section 102(e) rejection was based on this particular feature purportedly being taught by the Yagi et al. reference, Applicant respectfully submits that the deletion of this feature in the amended version of independent Claim 27 has effectively overcome the outstanding Section 102(e) rejection. Additionally, Applicant has added new Claims 42-46 into prosecution, such claims being dependent upon respective ones of independent Claims 27, 32 and 37. On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the stated grounds of rejection have been overcome, and that Claims 27-46 are now in condition for allowance.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the present Amendment does not raise new issues which would require further searching on the part of the Examiner, and therefore respectfully requests that the same be considered and entered by the Examiner. An early Notice of Allowance with respect to Claims 27-46 is therefore respectfully requested.
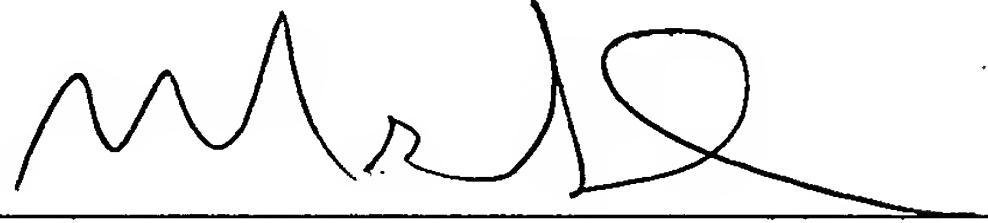
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